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Date: March 16, 2016
To: Montana Health Coalition
From: Mary E. Dalton, State Medicaid Director *Mary*
Subject: Montana Medicaid Waiver Renewal

We are pleased to invite comment from the Montana Health Coalition members regarding the renewal of the Montana Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations (formerly known as the Basic Waiver).

On or before April 29, 2016, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will submit a renewal request for the current Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval. This waiver will be effective January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2019. The waiver renewal includes: 1) up to 3,000 individuals below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level with Severe Disabling Mental Illness who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid; 2) individuals who are categorically eligible for Medicaid as Aged, Blind, or Disabled who are eligible for an enhanced Dental Treatment Services package; and 3) all non-expansion Medicaid-covered individuals whose eligibility is based on modified adjusted gross income who will receive a 12 month continuous eligibility period. Two separate public meetings to solicit comment on this renewal will be held.

The first public meeting will be on March 31, 2016, 9 a.m., at 1400 Broadway, Room C205, Helena, Montana 59601. To join the audio portion of the WebEx, call 1-877-668-4490 (806 032 202 access code); and access the internet presentation at <http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthCarePrograms/BasicMedicaid/BasicMedicaid1115Waiver>.

The second meeting will be held April 5, 2016, 11 a.m. at 2121B Rosebud Drive, Billings, Montana 59102. To join the audio portion of the WebEx call 1-877-668-4490 (805 214 313 access code); access the internet presentation at the above website and view waiver renewal materials. Public comments on the Section 1115 Waiver for Additional Services and Populations renewal may be submitted until midnight **April 15, 2016**.

You may direct your comments to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov; or Director's Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604-4210.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Medicaid program.